

ARGUMENTS AGAINST

AMENDMENTS TO THE

ARIZONA CONSTITUTION

Arguments have been filed by Ex-Governor G. W. P. Hunt, Homer R. Wood and Charles Roberts, all of whom were members of the Constitutional Convention, against the amendments to the constitution proposed by the Arizona Industrial Congress.

The arguments against the constitutional amendments are as follows: Senate Bill No. 14 to Amend Article IX by Adding a Paragraph to Section 5 of the Constitution.

Arizona is growing under a tax rate at the present time which is a cause for worry to the people of the state. A large portion of these taxes are going to pay the interest and the sinking fund to redeem outstanding bonds of the state and its subdivisions.

There is not a single man in Arizona at the time this is written who can give any information as to the total outstanding bonds issued against the property within the state of Arizona. The various school districts, high school districts, cities, towns, paving districts, electrical districts, counties and other subdivisions have issued bonds until the amount has reached a staggering total. Any further tax exempt bond indebtedness should be for specific purposes about which the people are thoroughly informed.

There is grave danger in increasing the tax exempt debt limit of the state when one of its basic industries is wasting away at such a rapid rate. One of the most eminent mining engineers in America is authority for the statement that the life of the copper mining industry in Arizona is about seventeen years unless new properties are discovered. Who will pay for the bonds issued for period of twenty-five or forty years?

The other provision of the proposed amendment to disfranchise all but the voters of real estate from voting in bond elections is not sound and is indefensible. The owner of real estate today may vote a bond issue to enhance its value and then sell it to a man who would be disfranchised at the time the bonds were voted; and the purchaser would have to pay the indebtedness. The men who work in the mining industry would be disfranchised while they would have to pay the interest and sinking fund on the indebtedness. The tenant farmer would be disfranchised but he would have to pay the taxes before he could hope to secure any return for his labor. The merchant with a stock of goods would be disfranchised. We urge you to vote "NO" on Senate Bill 14 and the other constitutional amendments.

Senate Bill 16—To Amend Section 10, Article VII—Primary Elections.

This is a proposal to destroy the direct primary. It would eliminate the constitutional mandate under which the First State Legislature enacted a direct primary law, and substitute therefore blanket authority to the legislature to adopt such scheme for nominating candidates for public office as it may see fit. It is a bold attempt to steal from the people one of the most important and vital rights reserved to them—the right of each elector to a full voice in the selection of the standard bearers of the political party to which he or she belongs. The success of this proposal would mark a long retreat into the darkness of political chicanery and corruption, machine control, boss rule, and all of the evils which brought odium upon the convention system of choosing party nominees. It would again enthroned in the management of political parties, and of the political and business affairs of the state interests and individuals to whom public welfare is ever subordinate to selfish desires and personal ends, and their servile agent and tool, the professional politician. The proponents of this measure may argue that it does not propose the abolishment of the direct primary, nor return to the offensive convention system. What then, does it propose? It is logical to assume that the advocates of repeal of the constitutional requirement for a direct primary law have

a definite scheme with which to replace it. If so, and if it be such a plan as might safely be offered to the people, why not submit it, that intelligent choice may be made? If there is no definite plan, why should it be presumed that the legislature will be equipped to formulate one superior to that which the people have approved? Upon what theory are the people asked to trade a right which they hold for a leap into the dark? A fair conclusion, is that with the adoption of this and companion proposals, it is expected that the legislature will be a subservient agency, which may be relied upon to place the nominating and therefore the electing machinery in the hands of invisible government. The issue is clear. It is a fundamental phase of the contest between popular government, for the benefit of all, and government by the few, for the few. Every believer in the right of the people to rule should without fail vote "NO."

Senate Bills 17, 18, 19 and 20 to Amend the Sections of the Constitution Relating to Terms of Office.

We cannot conceive of any arguments which would have weight with the people of Arizona in favor of the four year term for public officers in the form proposed in these amendments.

The arguments of economy cannot be urged because an election must be held every two years anyway to elect a congressman.

The argument that the four year term would make for efficiency should not have much weight with the people of Arizona. There is a clear and well defined idea apparent in the whole series of the proposed constitutional amendments, it is that the direct primary is to be dispensed with, a convention will nominate so-called "Big Men" and it is proposed to elect them for four year terms so that they will be free from the pressure of public opinion.

The proposal to elect members of the legislature for four years is probably the most indefensible of the amendments dealing with four-year terms. The framers of the constitution of the United States recognized the lawmaking body as close to the people as possible. If the congress of the nation must be elected every two years, how much more so should the members of the legislature of a state with the transient population of Arizona be elected every two years, in order for them to remain responsive to the will of the people?

The whole proposal is simply an other attempt to divorce the people from control over their public officials and the government of Arizona and we urge you to vote "NO" on all the amendments.

FOUR FEET OF SNOW STILL CLINGING TO ARIZONA MOUNTAINS

NOGALES, April 25.—There is four feet of snow in many places on Old Baldy mountain between Nogales and Tucson, according to Professor E. V. Abernathy of Nogales high school, who, with a party of local residents, returned today from a two days' outing. The party spent many hours tobogganing.

Old timers say this is the first time in many years that snow has remained on the mountain so late in the year.

MANY DELEGATES ARE TO GO ON AUTO TOUR TO NOGALES

PHOENIX, April 26.—Most of the delegates to the Good Roads convention are looking eagerly forward to next Saturday morning, when they will start on the tour to Nogales. It is understood that most of them expect to make the trip and will be furnished with transportation by the Automobile club.

EXPECT FRUIT CROPS

CLEMENCEAU, Ariz., April 24.—"While the apricot crop is practically lost, and the plum crop badly damaged, people are not at all discouraged in the Verde valley over the late frosts, as the peach and apple crops were not hurt at all, and good yields of those fruits are expected," said W. E. Woodruff, of Clemenceau.

ADVANCE IN FOREIGN

SILVER CREATES HIGHEST

PRICE IN SIX MONTHS

NEW YORK, April 25.—A sudden advance of 4 cents in foreign silver Wednesday provided bullion brokers with more activity than they have experienced in several months. It was also the strongest one-day advance in more than a year.

Shanghai was directly responsible for this strength having placed orders in the London market to "buy all silver offered."

It is not known whether the political situation in China has any positive influence on this stronger silver market.

Exchange rates between New York and Shanghai advanced from 75 to 77 1/2 and held steady with India. Trade conditions are now favorable in the latter country and silver demand is likely to be in evidence for the rest of the year.

India is still the consumer of gold sold in the London market. It secured \$2,427,000 for the first week of April of which \$350,000 was gold from this country.

The Government has purchased during the week 127,000 ozs. of domestic silver under the Pittman act and at the 59 5/8c net, an ounce, price. Combined total since June 17, 1920, is 103, 278,608 ozs., and for year to date 14,763,728 ozs.

Silver exports of the United States in March were \$5,306,161, value, as against imports of \$6,953,196. Total exports for the first three months are \$18,219,895, compared with \$14,946, 151 last year and imports, \$19,375, 374 against \$15,269,642 in 1921.

WEEKLY RESUME OF

ARIZONA MINING ACTIVITY

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Copper Situation—Export movement of copper at an unprecedented high rate provides the dominant feature of the copper market during the last couple of weeks. The total export movement during the first ten days of April indicate a record export month. Export sales have averaged about 65,000,000 pounds. Germany is the largest buyer.

Bisbee—The keynote of the Arizona copper industry was contained in a statement made by a well known copper man: "When taxes here are 2 cents a pound on copper and 5-8 cents in other places, it is easy to understand why Arizona mines, hundreds of miles from their market, are handicapped."

Ray—The reorganization work of the Ray Consolidated is not going as rapidly as anticipated. It is expected that they will be up to 5000 tons—one half capacity—by the middle of April. The smelter will probably start next week and daily train service is to be resumed shortly. Many men are being put to work but there is no shortage.

Globe—The starting of the Old Dominion smelter last Monday will be followed by a second unit shortly. The mines and mill have been going for some time, but extensive repair work delayed the opening of the smelter. About 100 men are employed now as against a normal force of 1500. It is not thought that the coal strike will affect operations.

Wilcox—John W. Prout, Jr., manager of the Central Copper company, is in New York on business for that company and plans are being made with Mr. Prout at the home office for the more extensive development of that property. They have been actively developing for about two years with about 125 men working. Diamond drilling has been resumed.

Humboldt—The smelter of the Southwest Metals company is reported to be starting on June 1. This news means much to shippers in the northern part of the state. It is also reported that a lead stack will be added. The starting of this smelter will mean the resumption of operations at the Bluebell and Desoto mines.

Jerome—All contracts have been let on the new crushing plant of the United Verde Copper company. The conveyor contract was given to the Dodge Sales and Engineering company, Mishawaka, Ind., and is their first large installation in the southwestern field in the conveyor line.

although they have supplied much transmission machinery.

Superior—Bids have been called for the standard gauging of the Magna-Superior railroad and the contracts are to be let out very shortly. Now that the money is available the program of enlarging their mill, building a smelter and standard gauging the railroad will progress with all possible speed. W. C. Browning is manager.

Miami—Lewis R. Hill, the man who built the Roosevelt dam, is making a survey of the Salt River in order to determine all possible sites for the erection of power dams in order that additional power might be furnished for the mines in the southern portion of the state. Additional dams will mean a greater water storage for Phoenix.

Florence—The property of the Arizona Hercules Copper company has been sold to the Empire Trust company for \$2,600,000. This is a step towards the reorganization of the company to the Ray Hercules Mines, Inc. This property has about 10,000,000 tons of ores and extensive plants, also a 1200-ton mill. There was some production in 1919.

Jerome—L. E. Whicker, vice president of the United Verde Extension, is quoted as saying that the output of the U. V. X. will be normal by July 1. The production this month will be about 3,000,000 pounds which is about 75 per cent capacity. The United Verde Copper company has not started producing although steam shovel work is going on.

PEOPLE SHOULD PULL TOGETHER FOR GOOD ROADS, SAYS SPEAKER

PHOENIX, Ariz., Apr. 24.—Arizona delegates to the National Good Roads convention here met in special session at the state fair grounds this afternoon, preliminary to the opening of the meeting of the United States Good Roads Association and the Bankhead National Highway Association. More than 300 men and women road boosters of the state attended and listened to addresses of half a dozen speakers.

The meeting was called to order by Dwight H. Heard, of Phoenix, a former president of the Arizona Good Roads Association, who acted as chairman in the absence of the president, O. C. Parker, of Tucson, who is ill. Heard, in an address of welcome pointed out that the people of the entire state should pull together in the matter of good roads.

Thomas G. Norris, of Prescott, first president of the Arizona Good Roads Association, expressed gratification with the progress being made in Arizona on highway construction.

J. N. Gaines, of Cochise county, in a speech, asserted "we are anxious to see you of Maricopa county, capital of our state, complete the hub of this great wheel of highway systems in Arizona."

Referring to the next convention of the Arizona Good Roads Association, to be held in Douglas next year, he expressed the gratitude of Cochise county good roads boosters for awarding the meeting to that city. "We'll show you a real time," he promised.

CORPORAL SHOT BY

COMRADE NOW DEAD

NOGALES, Ariz., Apr. 24.—Corporal Joseph L. Anderson of Company I, 25th Infantry, who was shot Saturday by Private William C. Dykes, of the same company, died today in Camp Stephen D. Little hospital.

Dykes, who camp officers say admitted the shooting and accused Anderson of intimacy with Mrs. Dykes, is alleged to have crept up on the corporal and fired four shots into Anderson's body while the latter was sitting on the edge of his bunk. Mrs. Dykes at present is believed to be visiting in Louisiana.

Corporal Anderson, a long distance runner and a basketball and football player, was one of the best athletes in the camp.

TO DEDICATE NEW CHURCH

GILBERT, April 25.—Dedication of the Gilbert Methodist Episcopal church, with appropriate services and with several other features has been arranged, and during the week of May 1 all details of the dedication will be carried out according to the announcement of church members.

AUTO PLUNGES FROM DIVIDE INTO RAVINE

BISBEE, April 25.—J. A. Kempton, formerly city marshal of Bisbee and for years one of the city's most widely known residents, was killed about 5:30 yesterday afternoon when his small runabout left the Divide road, turned over at least once and landed, wheels up, at the foot of a ravine about 75 feet below the road. Kempton's neck was broken. It is believed he was instantly killed.

A coroner's jury, impaneled by Judge Craig, was taken to the scene of the accident, the second turn from the summit on the Bisbee side of the Divide. An inquest was held at 11 o'clock this afternoon in Judge Craig's court.

The cause of the accident will probably never be known. Rumors that several people living in a house near the foot of the Divide had seen the car leave the road could not be confirmed. These rumors were believed last night to be without foundation, as they were to the effect that the people had seen the car plunge from the grade about 4 o'clock. Kempton was seen by several friends at least an hour later than that time.

Returning to Bisbee at the wheel of one of his stages, George Rockhill of the Bisbee-Tombstone line, was the first to discover the wreck. Rockhill clambered down the side of the ravine and found Kempton's body under the little car that he had driven for the last year. Kempton had apparently been thrown out of the car as he plunged from the grade. One theory advanced last night was that he might have climbed from behind the steering wheel in the hope of jumping as the car plunged, only to be hurled directly under it.

Wheeled tracks indicated that Kempton had tried to turn his car around. He had evidently been going up the grade. The tracks seemed to indicate that he had nosed the car into the bank and then started to back up to get room enough to start down the grade again. The tracks indicated that he might have backed the car just a little too far, causing it to get beyond control and plunge over backward.

Kempton was a candidate for sheriff at the last election on the Democratic ticket and served for several years as city marshal of Bisbee, and was well known throughout the county. He leaves a wife and several children, funeral arrangements not yet having been announced, although it is expected burial will be held in Bisbee, where other relatives reside.

ELKS WILL PAY

LAST HONOR TO

KEMPTON TODAY

BISBEE, April 25.—Funeral services over the body of J. A. Kempton, former city marshal of Bisbee, who was killed when his auto plunged from the Divide road Monday evening, will be held at the Elks' home, on Main St., at 4:00 o'clock this afternoon.

The body will be taken to Safford, in Graham county, tomorrow, for burial. Milford Kempton, a brother, and F. E. Gilpin, brother-in-law of the deceased, will accompany the body to the old Kempton home in Safford.

A coroner's inquest held yesterday afternoon in Judge Craig's court, brought out but little information regarding the accident. Testimony of witnesses tended to confirm the theory that Kempton's car had probably plunged backward over the grade while Kempton was trying to turn it around on the narrow road.

George Rockhill, of the Bisbee-Tombstone stage line, the first to reach the wrecked car and Kempton's body, told of seeing the car at the bottom of the ravine while returning from Tombstone, at about 6:10 Monday evening. He hurried on to Bisbee on finding that Kempton was dead, he said, a passenger on the stage remaining with the body.

F. E. Gilpin, brother-in-law of Kempton, said last night that after a careful examination of torn brush, dislocated rocks and other signs at the scene of the wreck, he was certain that the car had gone off the grade rear wheels foremost and that Kempton had probably been thrown clear of the car as it turned over.

Oatman—Blank Range Mining Co. to install diamond drills at \$ claims.

DEAN LOCKWOOD IS NAMED UNIVERSITY

OF ARIZONA HEAD

TUCSON, April 25.—Announcement was made here today by Chancellor John H. Campbell of the board regents of the appointment of Dean F. C. Lockwood as acting president of the University of Arizona. In this capacity he will have full charge of the affairs of the institution.

The regents voted the appointment last Saturday, but no action taken was given out at that time because of the desire to confer first with the university officials. This conference was held today.

Since the resignation of R. V. van Klesbush as president of the university, Dean Lockwood virtually has held the powers of acting president through his appointment to chairmanship of the administrative committee. The two other members on this committee were Dean D. W. Working and John G. M. Butler.

LIVESTOCK BOARD

IN MEETING HERE

PHOENIX, April 25.—Members of the state livestock sanitary board convened yesterday for a two-day meeting in the office of the board in the state capital. Routine matters pertaining to the work of the board were taken up and discussed and the work of the office gone over. The board will meet again today and it is expected that the meeting will be adjourned this afternoon. All of the members of the board were present and are as follows: Frank P. Moore, chairman; Douglas; Charles P. Mallen of Prescott; J. N. Robinson of Globe; and Ed W. Stephens, secretary.

Mr. Moore, accompanied by Mrs. Moore, arrived in Phoenix for the meeting Sunday evening. Mr. Moore recently returned from a trip through the Panhandle district in Texas. While in El Paso, Mr. Moore said, he purchased 30 head of registered Hereford yearling bulls from Timberlake & Adams, to be shipped to his ranch near Courtland, Ariz., in Cochise county. The bulls are Kansas stock, Mr. Moore said, and were bought by the El Paso men in Kansas.

MESA TAXPAYERS INSIST

ON SCHOOL EXPENSE CUT

MESA, April 25.—In Mesa, at a meeting called by 325 taxpayers, has been started a movement toward reduction of school costs, which are reported to absorb 56 per cent of the revenues from taxation. This percentage is alleged rather below, than above the average elsewhere in the state.

Demand is made for at least 25 per cent reduction in maintenance costs, for elimination of many studies considered non-essentials, including physical education, art, home economics and kindergarten, and for a larger degree of concentration on English, mathematics, science and history. Better discipline also is asked. The meeting unanimously passed a resolution asking the county school superintendent to call a meeting of all county school trustees to confer concerning possible economies.

MISS RUTH WILCOX

AND EARL D. JONES

MARRIED YESTERDAY

BISBEE, April 25.—Miss Ruth Wilcox of Lowell and Earl Jones of Bisbee, were married in Tombstone yesterday morning.

Eluding friends, the couple, accompanied by the bride's parents, Major and Mrs. George B. Wilcox, drove to Tombstone yesterday morning, secured the license and were married at 9:30 by the Rev. Thos. Armstrong in the parsonage of the Congregational church. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox were the only witnesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones motored on to Phoenix, where they will remain for the next week.

Mrs. Jones, for the last year, has been cashier at the Reviss office. Mr. Jones, a world war veteran, has been connected with Sacramento Hill operations. Both are well known in the Warren district.

Casa Grande—Campaign planned

for organization of grape growers.

Phoenix—Irrigation project under way to reclaim 85,000 acres.